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Docket No. 14530

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In the application of:)
RICHARD K. WAMPLER)
Serial No.:)
Filed:)
For: SEALLESS ROTARY BLOOD PUMP)

Continuation of U.S. Serial No.
09/108,434
Filed July 1, 1998

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first sentence of the specification and add the following sentence at the beginning of the specification:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/108,434, filed July 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6080133, which is a division of U.S. application Serial No. 08/910,375, filed August 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,840,070, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/603,536, filed February 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,695,471.--

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended so that there is a reference to the parent application.

Claims 2-39 have been cancelled.

An examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

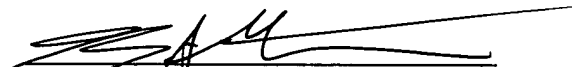
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